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GROWTH OF Si<sub>1-x-y</sub>GE<sub>x</sub>C<sub>y</sub> AND Si<sub>1-y</sub>C<sub>y</sub> ALLOY LAYERS ON Si By UHV-CVD **Dated:** March 12, 2003

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2002, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry of record in the above-identified patent application.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4, 6, 1/7 and 18, without prejudice or disclaimer, and please amend Claims 1, 12, 13, 14, 27 and 28 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for forming an alloy layer of silicon carbon on a

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